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NAME CONTEST CONTINUED A WEEK

Six Dollars to be Given Away

The enormous sum of six dollars will be given away absolutely free for the winning name for our paper.

Many suggestions have already been placed in the suggestion box and we are very grateful to all of you for that but now we are extending the contest for a week and will give away three cash prizes.

The winning name will be awarded three dollars. Two dollars will go to the second best suggestion and one dollar will be awarded the third best entry.

All suggestions must be in the box by Sunday night, November 7. And don't forget to sign your name.

ONLY 51 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Anonymous Donor Contributes Cash

The impossible has happened. An unknown person walks up and says: "I have six dollars that can be had for the winning title in the name contest." Of course, it was accepted; and now it is up to you.

We wish to express our appreciation to this person for the contribution and, as was his desire, his name will remain a secret.

COMMUNION SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAY

Communion services will be held next Sunday at both Menge Theater and Cooper Chapel. Chaplain C. C. Urch will conduct the services. Everyone is invited and welcome.

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ARMISTICE DAY

Thursday Nov. 11th

LEST WE FORGET

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DIVINE SERVICES
Every Sunday

(Catholic)

0800 ---------- Cooper Chapel
1000 ---------- Menge Theater

(Protestant)

0900 ---------- Menge Theater
1100 ---------- Cooper Chapel
1815 ---------- Kaula Island

MOVIES FOR THE WEEK

Friday ---------- FLIGHT FOR FREEDOM, Roseland Russell, Fred McMurray
Saturday ---------- THE MAN IN THE TRUNK, Lynne Roberts, Geo. Holmes
Sunday ---------- THE HOWARDS OF VIRGINIA, Martha Scott, Cary Grant
Monday ---------- MEN AGAINST THE SKY, Richard Dix, Edmund Lowe
Tuesday ---------- A YANK AT ETON, Mickey Rooney, Jane Darter
Wednesday ---------- WHISTLING IN DIXIE, Red Skelton, Ann Rutherford
Thursday ---------- A MAN'S WORLD, Marge Shapman, Bill Wright

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK

The other day a Seabee enlightened me. His name does not matter, but his accusation does matter a great deal. This is it: "Most of the men go to church on Sunday just to get out of work. We are given the choice of work or church and I always work for I feel that there is so much that needs to be done. I'm not a shirker or a hipocrite." My friend seemed to imply that all men who worship are merely trying to avoid work. Now I know that is not true. I feel that worship is the best avenue to improved enthusiasm and recreation, enabling a man to store up richer resources. Who was that ancient seer who insisted: "Animals look down at the ground; man gazes up at the stars?" Worship is means of gazing up at the stars for a time. Worship sets man apart from the lower animals. Sincere worship makes man only "a little lower than the angels."

Cecil C. Green, 1st. Lt.
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LONELY HEARTS

I saw a beautiful Pacific moon,
And the bright glowing stars.
I heard the music of the waves,
And the strum of soft guitars.
But my heart knew loneliness,
With beauty in the air,
But I never was content,
Because she wasn't there.

The Army led me to a land,
Where women are not in sight,
And all that I could see,
Were goonney birds in flight.
Now I know it isn't strange,
Upon this clumsy ground,
For I was born in paradise,
Where women can always be found.

Then there's the story of the girl who thought her sweetheart was untrue to her because she read in the paper that he had been decorated for gallantry in action.

Did you hear about the dog whose master took him to the flea circus? He brought the leading lady home.

HEADQUARTERS

P. E. Staab, SC3c, in a letter to Scotty McDougal, sends his regards to his fellow shipmates. Phil says that he has been in bed for two weeks. The folks at the hospital treat him swell and the doctors are doing everything they can for him. He also mentions that the Red Cross is doing a lot for the fellows confined at the hospital. Our best wishes to you Phil and may you have a speedy recovery. PS: In his letter he mentions talking to Seabees who have seen service in this area for fourteen consecutive months. (Doggone it, anyway.)

"Commando" Quinlan, our efficient postmaster, has had a very interesting offer for his services from a rival firm.

It's a dog's life. Can you imagine getting three letters in the past seven weeks from the yeoman in Camp Parks who is supposed to know (according to the latest scuttlebutt) exactly when we are due back in the States and not have him mention it in any of the three ? Taint fair, McGhee.

Apparently we are not the only ones that hear a lot of strange rumors (scuttlebutt). One of the boys in headquarters company is going to receive a nice fresh roll of toilet paper for one of his Xmas presents. (All the way from New York too) Someone told someone that they had heard someone say that there was a paper shortage out here. The result: The home folks are coming to the rescue. Gosh, and we have been here a long time too.

THANK GOD, WE DON'T NEED YOUR KID

You say he can't stand the Army,
The life is too rough for him.
Do you think he is better than
Some other mother's Tom or Jim ?

You raised him up like a girl.
He doesn't smoke or drink, is
your brag,
If all the boys were like him,
What would become of our flag ?

You say let the roughnecks do the
fighting,
They are used to the beans and
the stew.
I am glad that I am classed with
the roughnecks,
Who would fight with the red,
white and blue.

Think of the women of Belgium,
Of the cruelties they have to bear,
Do you want this to happen
To your own daughter so fair ?

You thank God that the stars in Old
Glory
Are not with that kind of stain,
Because of ten millions of roughnecks,
That have red blood in their veins.

They go to drill in bad weather,
And come in with a grin on their
face,
While your darling sits in the
parlor
And lets another man fight in his
place.

Maybe we do smoke and gamble,
But we fight as our forefathers
did,
So go warm the milk in his bottle.
Thank God, we don't need your kid.

(The foregoing bit of verse comes from Alaska where it was written by a soldier.)

DENISON IS REPLACED

BY A. H. SCHWECKE

Due to other duties, G.A. Denison has resigned his post as circulation manager of this sheet. We welcome Schwecke to the staff and hope that he will enjoy working with us. Lots of luck to "Kid" Denison in his new venture.

Mary knew a little lamb
Whose love she much preferred:
She wouldn't wait, so she wed,
A wolf who'd been deferred.

TIPS AND THAT

The many friends of "Coony" Morris are sincerely hoping and trusting that he will lose some of that recently acquired weight. They contend he is so heavy that he cannot even carry enough matches for his personal use.

What is that we hear about mistering the ducks ? We hope it isn't true as they are a long way from home too.

A tag on one of our feathered friends enables us to know that they came from the Mainland. It is a modern miracle that they came here, the nose of the goony bird, and also the home of a group of "rock happy" Seabees.

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LAUGHS

GIRL: "But, father, it happens even in the best of families."
FATHER: "Well, after this you just stay away from the best of families."

VILES: "What's on the menu tonite?"
SLIM: "Hundreds of things."
VILES: "What are they?"
SLIM: "Beans."

To her, dating is like a drug. She takes one dope after another.

MAC: "Aren't you the girl who used to shrink from my embraces?"
MARY: "I don't recoil at the moment."

PAT: "Did she lose her dress or am I seeing things?"
MIKE: "Both."

COMMANDER: "Where's that Line Chief?"
SEAMAN: "Which one, Sir?"
COMMANDER: "There's only one."
SEAMAN: "Oh, I thought you said 'lyin' chief."

They say the U.S.S. STURGEON, submarine, radioed to the mother ship after sinking its first Jap vessel:
"STURGEON TO LONGER VIRGIN."

DOCTOR: "You must avoid all forms of excitement."
SEA: "Can I look at them on the street?"

HERE'S HOW TO SWIM

THROUGH FIRE AND OIL

Oil itself and fire caused by burning oil from torpedoed ships and tankers have been the cause of many deaths in merchant shipping losses.

Oil has many dangerous characteristics. First, the vapors from thin oil (so called) are very poisonous and will cause death if inhaled to any extent. Second, heavy oil (so called) forms a thick coating on the surface of the water and has a tendency to engulf the swimmer.

Fifty per-cent of the tankers torpedoed have caught on fire from the explosion. Flames have been known to rise as high as 100 feet above the water and they may range down to 3 or 4 feet above the water depending upon the wind and sea.

The following things have been deduced from the accounts given by survivors of recent torpedoings as being most useful in the victims of such peedings.

1. Always abandon ship as far forward of the torpedo hit as possible.
2. Know the direction of the wind before abandoning ship and go windward when possible, though always abandon ship from opposite side of the torpedo hit.
3. Get into a boat without entering oil covered water if possible.
4. Because of danger of injury avoid floating wreckage when abandoning ship.
5. Always jump feet first. Do not dive.
6. Breast stroke or side stroke are the best to use while swimming through oil slick.
7. Keep your head high and eyes and mouth closed while swimming through oil slick.
8. Try to swim under water as much as possible while making way through fire or heavy oil slick.
9. Relax and conserve energy with the idea always present in mind of staying afloat.
10. Proceed in an easy and slow manner to the nearest boat, raft or floating object and cling to this until rescued. LEAH TO SWIM, MATES.

PINTAILS FLY 3600 MILES

TO PALMYRA ISLAND

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 19 (AP). A flock of pintail ducks, almost too exhausted to quack, has completed the first recorded duck flight of 3600 miles from the United States to Palmyra Island, a tiny spot in the Pacific 1100 miles south of Honolulu, the fish and wild life service reported.

Pintails are noted for their unpredictable nature, but why they flew to Palmyra - home of the gooney birds - is something that only the pintails know. They rarely fly over water, and the fish and wild life service says it never heard of a pintail as far south as Palmyra.

A naval officer, Ensign Arthur R. Murphy, reported the arrival of the ducks, which were so tired, they could be caught by hand. He found a tag on one of them and notified Washington. The fish and wild life service says the tag was placed on the duck 82 days previously at the Bear River migratory bird refuge in northeast Utah, 3600 miles away.

V-MAIL XMAS CARDS

Eight v-mail Christmas cards are available to each man in this detachment. Come by the postoffice and "Kid" Alban or "Commando" Quinlan will be happy to serve you. Don't forget to bring a cat-eye.